

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## NOVEMBER 12 – 13 WEEKEND WRAP-UP Burglar, Drinkers, and Drugs

SANTA BARBARA, CA – 11/14/2011 – Burglar Chased by Witness- On Sunday 11/13/11, at approximately 12:59 a.m., officers were dispatched to 2700 block of De La Vina Street on a call of a burglary that had just occurred to a business. While officers were responding, they received information that witnesses were seen chasing the suspect south on De La Vina Street. An officer was traveling north on 2300 De La Vina Street when he saw a subject matching the description of the suspect, later identified as Christopher Mathew Aguilar –Vang, 23 years of age. The officer also noticed that Aguilar-Vang was being followed by a person yelling that Aguilar-Vang had broken a window.

Upon further investigation officers determined that Aguilar-Vang had broken a window to Marty's Pizza, 2733 De La Vina Street and was seen by witnesses reaching into the business as if looking for something. Aguilar-Vang was then confronted by witnesses and fled south on De La Vina Street. Aguilar-Vang was taken into custody. A search of his person revealed a switchblade knife on his possession. Aguilar-Vang was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail for Attempt Burglary and Possession of a Switchblade knife.

**Drinkers Lead to Felony Arrest-** On 11/12/11, at approximately 2:18 p.m., officers were dispatched to a call of two subjects drinking to the rear of the apartment complex at 617 Garden Street. Upon arrival, officers noticed a male and a female sitting in the parking lot of the complex. Officers spoke to a female who identified herself as Nicole Denise Causing, 41 years of age. The

male subject initially provided a false name but subsequently identified himself as Stephen Morgavo-Chasteen, 22 years of age. Officers noticed a syringe in the bushes nearby. As officers continued their investigation it appeared that both Causing and Morgavo-Chasteen did not have a lawful reason to be on the property. Officers conducted a records check of both subjects and determined that Causing and Morgovo-Chasteen had drug related felony warrants out for their arrest. Both were arrested and transported to Santa Barbara County Jail where they were booked for the warrants.

Labor Line Check Ends In Drug Arrest- On 11/12/11, at approximately 8:52 a.m., an officer patrolling the area of 400 E. Yanonali Street stopped to observe the "Labor Line." The officer noticed that one of the individuals at the labor line was standing alone and not making any effort to flag down passing vehicles in order to obtain work. The officer contacted the subject, later identified as Sergio Israel Garcia 21 years of age, and engaged in a conversation with him. The officer obtained consent from Garcia to search his person. Upon searching Garcia, the officer found a plastic bag in Garcia's pocket. The officer retrieved the bag and noticed that it contained approximately 10 small individually packaged bindles of heroin. Garcia was arrested and transported to the police station. Upon removing Garcia from the patrol car at the station, the officer observed another bindle of heroin where Garcia had been seated. Garcia was transported and booked into Santa Barbara County Jail for Possession of a Controlled Substance for Sale and Destruction/Concealing of Evidence.